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Music Presentation

TRIBUTE TO PETER GRIMES

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"Tribute to Peter Grimes" is a piece for Baritone voice and two pianos. It comes from a larger piece entitled "The Funeral Service and Burial of Peter Grimes". This piece is an exploration of the possibilities inherent in the use of extramusical structures in music. In this case, that structure is the traditional Anglican funeral service. "Tribute to Peter Grimes" functions as the Eulogy section of the funeral. It consists of a simple, folk-like melody line over a piano part ever increasing in complexity. The use of Characters from the Benjamin Britten's opera "Peter Grimes" also serves to heighten the piece on a symbolic level.